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the boll weevil has already swept over the convict farms and stopped the cultivation of cotton. After a great deal of

money had been invested in this industry it has been found necessary to abando cotton and take to something else, and a change of any kind is very difficult because the convicts are well adapted to cotton and to nothing else. Texas gave it up several years ago an

decided to turn its convicts at the Hunts ville Penitentary to the manufacture of iron. There is plenty of iron ore in the Lone Star State it has all the other matefials needed for making iron at a small cost, and as it is pronounced in its oppo sition to all trusts and combines and believes in producing everything it needs the public liked the prospect of the State providing the iron required for its own use. The experiment, however, has not

Iron is not made as easily as cotton is grown and convict labor is not suited to the industry. The matter has not get been finally determined, but an investigation by a committee gives little hope that the iron industry of Texas can be successfully operated by the State as a part of its penitentiary system. Two bjections present themselves, aside from the question of selling the output: the labor is not adapted to it and the experiment calls for the investment of too much

Moreover there have been reports of ill treatment of the convicts, which is also a subject of legislative investigation. A striking merit of the Louisiana and Mississippi State convict farms lies in the uniform good treatment of the convict, which is in marked contrast with the conditions prevailing in Georgia of something striking on the window and Alabama.

Louisiana has divided its convict labor etween two industries, the growing of cotton and of sugar cane, neither of which competed with the farmers. The cotton was far the more profitable crop, and

mearly twice as many convicts were engaged in its cultivation as in growing sugar.

Angola, the State cotton farm, lies in East Feliciana Parish. A year ago the board of supervisors said that the boil weevil would soon invade Angola. The cotton acreage was therefore reduced from 5,000 to 1,200 acres. The weevils ate almost the entire crop. The output to the proper were so hungry that they are a pile of roasting ears which J. W. Hall had gathered when he saw the first accounts of the great army approaching. A great cloud was moving rapidly from the southwest. At first it resembled a tornado. from 5,000 to 1,200 acres. The weevils ate almost the entire crop. The output of Angola was only 225 bales, less than a tenth of the usual crop. It did not pay for the planting, picking and ginning. Cotton will be abandoned as the staple crop of the plantation and sigar can be

tornado.

"Soon I discovered that it was an invasion of grasshoppers," he said, "and I rushed into the field and commenced pulling roasting ears and hauled four loads up to the corral where I spread them out to dry. This suited the grasshoppers exactly, for they swarmed about those roasting ears. loads up to the corral where I spread them out to dry. This suited the grasshoppers exactly. for they swarmed about those reasting ears.

"I had a boy try to keep them off with a brush, but it was useless. I then covered the corn with hay, but the hoppers crawled in under it and continued to eat until there was nothing left but the cobs."

Mr. Hall still lives on the same farm, the products from which during the past twenty years have made him one of the wealthlest citizens of the State.

The melon patch of A. J. Huff near Chapman, out in the great Smoky Hill River country, presented an unusual scene after the hoppers had departed for the east. They first ate the leaves, then the vines. Next day they ate the green skin of the melons to the white rind. Scon they began on the white portion, eating down to the red cores where they stopped, leaving the field strewn with the hearts of hundreds of luscious melons.

Several passenger trains were stopped by grasshoppers on the Union Pacific Railroad. The drive wheels of the engines would get so slippery with dead grasshoppers that they would spin around without making headway. Frequently the train crew would have to clear the track for rods and carry sand from the river before they could move the train.

Former Governor Glick, who lives in Atchison and owns a farm near the town, decided to have his tenant sweep up the pests and bury them. He purchased a dozen new brooms and a bolt of muslin and went to the farm. The muslin was set up at right angles with a hole dug in the corner. The men swept the insects into the hole and buried them by the million, but all to no purpose, for other millions came to take their place.

In the sod houses, dugout homes and cabins of Kansas in 1874 the luxury of screens, blinds and curtains was unknown. Mrs. Loja E. Moore of Walnut tells this story: "We had no screens, blinds or curtains in those days, so the grasshoppers swarmed in the house, cating everything eatable, and some things that were not. Mother had cut beautiful patterns from tried instead. The State has already two convict sugar plantations, Hope in Iberia Parish and Oakley in Iberville. They have made money, but they have not returned the handsome profits that cotton culti vation has given in Augusta. Cane culture is more difficult than that of cotton calls for more skill and better agricul-tural methods and is far less adapted to the rough negro labor of the South. It is for this reason that white laborers

sugar plantations. A year ago, seeing the probability that A year ago, seeing the probability that cotton would have to be abandoned at Aagola, the State Supervisors began to prepare for a change to sugar cane. The plans if carried out successfully would give Angola 5,000 acres in cane this fall, or about as much as it had in cotton, and this should yield 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 pounds of sugar worth \$450,000 or \$600,000, but it will have taken three years to produce it, and the erection of a \$250,000 sugar house or refinery would be necessary.

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There is opposition to the plan on two grounds, first the cost and then the necessary of employing a great deal of outside labor. The convicts may raise the cane, but the manufacturing of sugar calls for high grade labor and skilled and highly paid specialists. It is doubtful therefore whether the Legislature will agree to approve or finance the change.

Gov. Sanders proposed a few months ago, when it became evident that the advent of the boll weevil would put the convict cotten farms out of business, that the penitentiary labor be employed in public improvement, especially in the construction of good roads. A system of State roads about 3,000 miles in length, tonnecting all parts of the State, was proposed, and half a dozen parishes toted from \$90,000 to \$200,000 each for this purpose, Indicating the probability of raising \$6,000,000 to \$200,000. The Governor offered to furnish the convict labor of the State free for road construction, and the good roads bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture tendered the services of road each for the state free for road construction, and the good roads bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture tendered the services of road each for the state free for road constructions.

ture tendered the services of road engineers.
Yet the good road movement in Louisiana has shown signs of weakening lately, getting tangled up with politics, and while several highways are under construction it is evident that only a small fraction of the convicts can be profitably employed on road building. Louisiana therefore must find some other labor for its convicts. As in the case of Texas, the problem is up to the Legislature, which meets in May.

Mississippi has not yet felt the effect. From the Clarkedale Register.

Mr. McGee, the gentleman who has the seining privileges on Moon Lake, caught see alligator gara yesterday at one haul, the gars ranging from forty to fifty pounds each. This is the largest catch ever recorded, and Mr. McGee caught only five spoonbile and one buffalo besides the gars. This is the best thing that could have happened, since the gars are very destructive to game fish, and when the gars are eliminated fishing should be fine this spring.

East, according to this writer, will be the decision to build the Amur railway.

HOPPER TALES FROM KANSAS.

Memories of Old Settlers of the Plague

Year of 1874.

struggles of the pioneers. Just now the

State Historical Society is gathering facts

about the "Plague Year of 1874." That

was the year when grasshoppers swarmed

in Kansas. The contributors to the

grasshopper history, now among the

oldest settlers of the State, tell some

Mrs. W. M. Cobb of Greensburg re-

lates this occurrence: "One neighbor who

had twelve children succeeded in keeping

the hoppers out of his wheat field until

all the other fields were destroyed. This

man was superintendent of the Sunday school which was conducted in a sod

school house. One Sunday morning he

failed to come to Sunday school, and

us that he would not be there.
"'Pa said he couldn't come to Sunday

school this morning, for if the Lord

men and boys to come and help him,'

"Men, women and children went to the assistance of the neighbor. We drove

the hoppers into great ditches dug about the field, but they kept coming by the millions, and at to clock every spear of wheat in that field had vanished."

Green peaches hanging on the trees

were eaten to the pits in southern Kansas.

B. F. Miller of Fredonia tells how grass-

"The first warning we had was the sound

panes," he says. "We adjourned and

went out to investigate only to find a great

storm of grasshoppers approaching. The

sun was darkened at times and the

hoppers ate holes in our clothes.

"An Eastern men wrote to the tenant

Big Catch of Destructive Fish.

hoppers broke up a school meeting.

was the message he brought.

interesting stories.

TOPERA. Kan., Jan. 22.-Kansans no

The third Duma, in view of the importance of this railway, has unhesitatingly devoted the necessary funds. onger hesitate to recall the trials and The Russian Government's decision to double the track of the Siberian line is a step the gravity of which cannot be overrated

Japan, freed for the present from maritime cares, is similarly engaged in strengthening her position on land. The thirteen divisions of her army when war broke out have been raised to nineteen, so that at the present moment her army on a war footing would consist of 550,000 men and 120,000 horses. And as there is no lack of men in the Mikado's empire General von der Boeck believes that were war now to be declared a million Japa- next door and offerings set before it. nese soldiers could take the field within

later one of his boys came running to tell wouldn't keep the grasshoppers out of his field he must, and he wants all you

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LITTLE JAPANESE GIRLS. They Dance Like Fairies to Please an Old

Woman's Spirit. "The other night we had a singular fes

tival," wrote Lafcadio Hearn in a letter published in the Atlantic. "A teacher of dancing-an old woman of our neigh borhood-died last year, and on the anniversary of her death her ihai were placed on a platform erected for the occasion "Then the little girls she had taugh

nese soldiers could take the field within a few weeks.

A most important factor in the altering circumstances is the renaissance of the Chinese military power. Japanese instructors swarm in China, and are swiftly building up a mighty military engine as their ally.

The original plan of the Chinese Government was to form thirty-six divisions, each of 19,000 meb, and to have this entire force ready to take the field before the year 1922, but it is perfectly evident from the reports which have filtered through to Europe that this huge army will be ready by 1912, or ten years earlier than was originally intended.

Gen. von der Boeck is inclined to believe from the reports of German officers who have recently visited China that

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